

Good Counsell for young VVoers :

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Shewing the Way, the Meanes, and the Skill,
To wooe any Woman, be she what she will :
Then all young men that are minded to wooe,
Come heare this new Ballad, and buy't ere you goe.

To a dainty new tune, or else it may be
Sung to the tune of *Prettie Bessie*.



Woe all you young Pupils that yet haue no skill,
In wooing to get a fine Ladies good will,
You will be ruled, and take my aduice,
I teach you to wooe and speed in a trice,
You must not be daunted what euer she say,
I may speed to morrow that's cast off to day.
If you will wooe a Wench with a blacke brow,
Accept of my Counsell, and I'll tell you how,
You must kisse her, & coll her vntill she doth yield:
A faint hearted Souldier will neuer win field.

You must set her beauty at the highest rate,
And neuer leaue wooing her early and late.
Tell her that her brow like a black Leadstone draws,
By Iron heart to her, as Iet will doe strawes,
When she doth conceiue and perceiue thy respect,
How long thy industry shall find an effect.
Then you that wil wooe a wench with a black brow,
Accept of my counsell, &c.

For take this from me, a blacke french is still proud,
And lores well to heare her praise set forth aloud,
Although she accuse thee of flattery of it,
And tell thee she cannot abide to be scott,
Yet neuer leaue praising her, for if thou dost,
Thy speeches, thy paines, and thy loue is all lost.
If thou wilt wooe a Wench with black brow,
Accept of my Counsell, &c.

Comply with her humour in every thing right,
For that's the chiefe course that can giue her delight,
If thou se her merry, then laugh sing and tell,
Do tell some loue tales, this a maiden likes best,
And when she is sad then put finger i'th eye,
For woosers (like women) must oft feigne a cry.
Then if you will wooe a wench with a blacke brow,
Accept of my Counsell, &c.

If great be her portion, and thou be but poore,
Thy duty and paines must be so much the more,
Thou must be a good husbandry during thy life,
What wilt thou not promise to get such a wife,
Cowes, kirtles, and toys of the fashion all new,
What though al thy woords prove not afterward true.
Then if you will wooe a Wench with a black brow,
Accept of my Counsell, &c.

If thou from her sight haue bene too long away,
Then redeme thy negligence with longer stay,
And if she be angry be sure goe not thence,
Vntill thou soze her with thy fault to dispence,
And tell her thou wilt not onely stay all day,
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The second part, To the same tune.



Hear her to weddings, playes, and merry meetings,
Where she may notice take of Louers greetings.
Such objects often-times a motive may be
To make her love to if she were a Lady,
For when a Maid sees what's done by another,
It more will persuade then aduise from her Mother.

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If vnto a faire thou doe goe farre or nigh,
Although thou haue other great matters to buy,
Yet when thou com'st home againe be not thou sparing,
So say thou went'st onely to buy her a saying,
By this she will thinke thou wilt be a kind wretch,
That would'st goe so farre off a saying to fetch.
Then you that will wooe a Wench, &c.

If she be in presence when others are by,
Where words must be wanting there woe with thy eye,
Although it seeme strange yet experience doth proue,
That the eye doth conuey the first motion of Loue,
And thou maist perceiue by her eye whether she,
Doe well correspond in affection with thee.
Then if thou wilt wooe a Wench, &c.

When by these meanes (or by any of them)
Thou hast got this fauour of thy precious Gem,
Be carefull to hold and keepe what thou hast got,
The power he sayes strike the Iron while it is hot,
For if thou protract and let slip thy occasion,
Thou'st not so soon to winne with a second persuasion.
Then if thou wilt, &c.

Thou wilt may'st perceiue by the words that are past,
That I doe aduise thee to marry in haste.
A thing may be said when it comes to the push,
And one bird in hand is worth two in the bush,
One day, may one houre, (if thou like thy wife)
Pay make thee or marre thee all the dayes of thy life
Then if you will wooe a Wench, &c.

Although in my counsell I let others passe,
And only haue mention made of a blacke Masse,
Yet be thy heart, either blacke, by some or red,
These lessons kind wooer are fit for the need,
Be the saye or soule, be the Widow or Maid,
In wooing, a man must doe as I haue said.
All you that will wooe a Wench, &c.

And now with this counsell my ditty Ile end,
And if any Carper my skill discommend,
Hee le shew little wisdome my counsell to blame;
For the wisest Wooer may follow the same,
And if they will not for my part let them chuse,
But once more I will them these Lines to peruse.
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